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PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

## Extension of time

37 CFR 

§ 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month

Fees

- Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.
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